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A Question of Bread!

BETWEEN four hundred and five hundred faithful Home Mission workers are now in the field, and they *must have their bread!*

They that preach the gospel are to "live of the gospel." This is God's plan. The Bible so says expressly.

Reader, you will surely help us to supply these men with bread.

It is a question of bread!

The Home Mission Society was never so heavily in debt as at this writing. So our Treasurer just now assures us. J. B. S.

SUFFERING IN THE SOUTH.—An appeal for aid from a once wealthy church in the South contains these words:

"The financial crisis has rendered us still more helpless, inasmuch as we cannot dispose of our cotton, not even to obtain the necessaries of life!"

Sore pressed. A missionary in the far West writes:

"I am now pressed to meet my obligations, and hardly know where my winter clothes are to come from."

The Hearts of the Pastors.

At a late meeting, when pastors and others were discussing the difficulty of raising missionary money, one of the leading ministers said, "*The trouble is that this is not brought before the Churches, as it ought to be.*"

Another experienced pastor said, "The way to get a good contribution from every member of every church is *first to get the cause into the hearts of the pastors.*"

NOTE.—The above, from a royal Home Mission man, leads us to say that hundreds of noble-hearted pastors are our valiant helpers with purse as well as voice. The Home Mission cause is in their *hearts*. See "a heart experience" on this page for example.

We repeat this, for good reasons: The American Baptist Home Mission Society is sometimes spoken of as "*that great and rich society*," and as needing no funds. We reply as follows:

"This *great and rich society*" has no money *at all* except as good people give to it,—and as fast as it receives, it pays out, and sometimes faster; so that it is poor all the while, and all the while making others rich. For more than a year past, its treasury has been overdrawn from $20,000 to $30,000. And good men and true—the Lord's own faithful ones—have been standing in the breach in order that the precious work we are doing might not suffer. J. B. S.

WE MUST HAVE HELP very soon, or the Board will be *compelled* to dismiss missionaries, and close training schools for Freedmen preachers. What is your will in this matter, dear reader? We at the rooms are the weakest of all weak men if the great Baptist brotherhood do not stand by us and help us.

True, our receipts have thus far been greater this year than last; but the *demands* and *appeals* and *entréaties* made to the Secretaries and the Board have been both *irresistible* and *overpowering*! J. B. S.

A Heart Experience.

THE following precious words are from a Baptist pastor of limited means, and suffering under affliction:

DEAR BRO. SIMMONS:—The second fifty dollars I sent you was resolved upon on Sabbath, October 12th, while in Pennsylvania. One of my eyes was badly inflamed before leaving home; and on that day I was confined with a bandage on *both* eyes, and with the prospect of losing one, if not both. I was trying to pray for our Home Missionaries, and the thought occurred to me how much God had blessed *me;* and I resolved to give the second $50, having before leaving home determined to give $50 for a Freedmen Student. Then the thought came up:

"Perhaps God will deprive me wholly of sight, and I will need all!!" For a few minutes my faith seemed to waver. But I said to myself, "All I have, all I am (that is not sinful), all I ever *hope* to be, is of God." Then my faith rallied, and I sent you the money. May God make the families of those dear missionary brethren as happy in the reception as I am in the gift. O! no; that cannot be; for the Bible says (and it is true) that IT IS MORE BLESSED TO **give** THAN TO **receive.**

VERY GENEROUS INDEED.—It comes to our knowledge that a principal teacher of one of our Freedmen Schools has, within a few weeks past, put between two hundred and three hundred dollars' worth of furniture into his school building *at his own expense!* THIS IS INDEED a generous gift for a man with so limited a salary. The Baptists will stand by men of this spirit. Never fear!

PLEASE READ "*A Heart Experience*" on this page, if you have not already done so. Some of our best and ablest pastors read such incidents to their people from the pulpit before sermon. Others weave them *into* their sermons. We hope at least that those touching words will be read in hundreds of concerts or missionary prayer meetings, as well as in thousands of families.

A District Secretary says: The November HOME MISSION HERALD is grand;—growing better all the time. We must have it in all our churches. *Especially* must *every* pastor have it, or we shall lose heavily for want of it. It can do a work in its line which none of us can do.

Vote of the Board.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board the much wider circulation of the *Home Mission Herald* in the various Home Mission fields, will greatly increase the intelligence, enterprise, and Christian zeal of the people; and that all Missionaries, Teachers and Secretaries employed by this Society be and hereby are instructed to take special pains to introduce said paper into as many families as possible, and to continue their exertions year after year, in promptly renewing and increasing the subscriptions, and in encouraging the people to read the paper.

The above was passed unanimously. And if each one of four hundred Home Mission Workers would raise funds for two hundred and fifty papers, it would give us an increased circulation of *one hundred thousand* at once! Five churches induced to take fifty copies each, would give the two hundred and fifty. Shall we each strike for **250**? The writer secured **150** the other day, and expects to get the other hundred soon. Who responds next?

Terms $15 per 100 copies, cash in advance.

J. B. S.

Remit at Once!

SOMETIMES money is raised for Home Missions which lies too long in the hands of treasurers. Months ago, money was collected for this cause *which has not yet reached us!* In some cases, it is through forgetfulness; in others, a press of business; in others, it is because of that unwise habit of waiting to make up a balance. The way is to REMIT AT ONCE, and then remit again when the balance is collected.

This is SPECIALLY important just at this juncture. Our missionaries plead for their *bread* and winter *clothes*.

New York Begins to Speak.

"It cannot be possible that out of the 103,000 Baptists of this great State 7,000 cannot be found who will send $5.00 each to wipe out the debt of the Home Mission Society. All we, as Baptists, wish to know, is our duty. Believing the payment of this debt to be our duty, and that it should be done at once, I enclose my draft for the FIVE dollars, as a commencement of the work. Who will follow?

"P.S. We must collect *One Million Dollars for the Home Mission work the next year. It can be done!*"

This is a splendid thought. Let the $5.00 come in. New York will not be behind. She can pay the whole debt on the plan our brother has started, and not burden herself. But other States will want a part of this privilege. We will therefore keep account with the different States, and let you know how gloriously the work goes on. *Now* let the FIVE DOLLARS come. Our missionaries are suffering for bread!! C.

A Cheering Letter.

Such letters as the following, cheer the secretaries at the rooms. We should be glad of fifty such, each week!

"DEAR BRO. SIMMONS: My heart aches as I read your appeals! O! how the heart of Jesus once ached for this lost world. May God speed the work and crown your efforts with success.

"Please send me one hundred leaves that I may circulate them among my people, and then try to gather something for this great and good work. Fraternally,

"J. H. G., *Pastor.*

"P.S. We are to have a Missionary Mass Meeting in our Association soon. If you send me a package, I will distribute them there to pastors and friends, and say a word in behalf of this cause. "J. H. G."

NOTE.—We aim to keep Home Mission leaflets constantly on hand which we mail gratis to all who will use them to raise funds for the Society. Send to Room 13 No. 150 Nassau street, New York City. J. B. S.

A Secret To Tell!

WE have a secret to tell. Everybody *ought* to know it. It is this:

The more we dwell in the Spirit of God, the more we love to work, and the more we love to give of our earnings to advance God's cause. Dwelling in the Spirit does not exhibit itself in mere emotional ecstasy, much less does it ease a man down into spiritual indolence.

The Spirit *rouses* us. The Spirit *lays hold of all the forces there are in a man*—his bodily powers, his mental powers, his powers of speech, his industrial powers, his power of **property**, his power of song, his learning, his talents of *whatever* sort—and brings them actively and vigorously into the service of Jesus Christ.

Reader, are you dwelling in the Spirit? Are you helping to give North America to Christ? Your Home Mission treasury is sadly overdrawn. God's ministers who are preaching Jesus to the perishing millions of this land—God's missionary soldiers who are battling among enemies at the front, ask your help. Will you give it? Look over the pages of this paper, and then before God, and in his fear, make answer. We believe you *will* help. J. B. S.

Why we Fail in Business.

A SPIRITED writer in the *Religious Herald* says that the question of *giving* is

"No question of ability; the **will** is the turning-point. True, we have individual cases of hard times, but in no instance traceable to over-giving—more frequently, rather, by trying to *over-get*. In other words, we more frequently break by *trying too much to make*.

"Our wealthy brethren are realizing more and more the wisdom of putting a portion of what they have where it may become a lasting good, and not, as is too often the case, a means of corruption to their own offspring. It is only when we look to future as well as present generations that the full value of certain enterprises can be appreciated. It is what we **give** that blesses others. Selling, buying and producing are all necessary, but it is **giving** that constitutes the culminating grace of humanity."

MAKES STRONG.—By God's help the Home Mission Society makes weak churches strong. Ten or twelve years ago a church in the West was poor and feeble, and was aided by the Society. To-day that same church pays its pastor two thousand dollars salary, and has a noble church edifice nearly completed.

Is This Right?

"SOME churches report contributions for 'Home Missions' which are never sent to the A. B. H. M. *Society*, but are for their own *local* missions and church extension, saying, in excuse, '*it is all Home Missions.*' This thing misleads. They get credit for large amounts to Home Missions with those who do not understand it. Is this right? THOMAS SWAIM.

"Philadelphia, Pa."

The Panic.

WHO is living in a poorer house? or on poorer food? Who is wearing poorer clothes because of the panic?

None but the *laboring* classes. Our missionaries are of the laboring class. The more prosperous will surely help us to give them the *necessaries* of life.

Peter's-pence.

WE clip the following:

The *Pacse* of Rome, dated the 3d ult., says: "Pius IX. lately ordered that a general account should be taken of the amounts received as Peter's-pence from 1849 to 1872, and the result shows that the immense sum of one hundred and seventy millions was furnished by it to the Vatican."

NOTE.—By Peter-pence is meant a penny for every house.

We do not ask for contributions to Peter or any other apostle; but we do appeal for contributions to Christ through the Home Mission treasury, even though it be but one cent a day from each Baptist.

Foreign and Home Missions.

ARE they antagonistic? Some would so have it. But we do not believe a word of it. The truth is, no heartier friends of Foreign missions can be found than those in the Home Mission Rooms and in the Home Mission ranks; and *vice versa.*

The members of the Home Mission Board, the pastors and members of the Home Mission Churches, and the Home Mission Secretaries, are, many of them, liberal contributors to the Foreign Mission work. Any Home Mission man who fails in this, has occasion to hang his head in shame.

We cultivate this continent *all* the while,—we repeat it **all** the while,—with a view to the other continents. Success here, means victory there. And while we preach and pray and work and give to redeem America, we should give and pray and preach and toil in behalf of *Foreign* Missions as well. The work is **one.** And he is not a true friend of either, who would make the Societies antagonistic. The field is not America,—not Europe,—not Africa,—not Asia. "*The field is the* **world.**" And men of world-wide sympathies are the best Home Mission workers. Home Missions help feed Foreign Missions. Every Home Mission Church is expected to take collections for Foreign Missions. Every added force which we create on this continent helps the work abroad.

Already some of our Freedmen students have contributed to Foreign missions. Recently we sent the large Missionary Map of Africa to each of our Freedmen Theological Schools. And the following are standing resolutions of the Home Mission Board on this subject:

Resolved, That the Monthly Missionary Concert, with special reference to Mission work in Africa, should be faithfully observed in our schools as a prominent feature,—in which reports, addresses, etc., shall be given, chiefly by the students themselves, and occasionally by the teachers, on the missionary history and wants of the African field.

Resolved, That the Principals of the schools, by preaching and addresses, diffuse these views among the colored churches, so far as practicable.

Our contributors will rejoice to know that the most cheering results are beginning to flow from the above-named plan. We understand that one of our principal teachers read Dr. Livingstone's book on Africa entirely through, aloud, to his colored students for the ministry,—with comments as he went along. When Home Missions become unfriendly or even indifferent to Foreign Missions, alas for us! and *vice versa!* J. B. S.

Foreign Mission Gems.

WE clip the following from the *Missionary Magazine* for November:

☞ The history of the Toungoo Mission brings out in bold relief the unmistakable fact that we spend our strength for nought when we labor without the Holy Spirit. As well might we beat our heads against a stone wall to get through it.

NOTE.—Just as true in the Home work as in Toungoo!

☞ The ministers and churches who have entered most fully into the spirit of missions to the heathen, have always been and must ever be the warmest friends of the home work, and its largest and most cheerful contributors. James N. Granger, D.D.

Ready for Either.

Dr. Binney said to a prominent Baptist minister on his return from Richmond, just before he left for Burmah:

"I have no choice whether to return to Richmond and teach the Freedmen preachers, or to Burmah to teach the Karen preachers. The importance of teaching Freedmen preachers is not surpassed by any other work on earth. I am ready for either."

Our dear Friends, ——, and ——, of ——, send us $150 for educating Freedmen preachers. They assure us that notwithstanding the money pressure, they will make it up to $200, the same as last year. We thank God for such faithful Christian helpers.

J. B. S.

Bro. Simmons: I am much pleased with the *Herald*. The number that came to-day is excellent.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

One Entire State without a Baptist Church!

Dear Bro. Backus: What is to become of Nevada? Poor Nevada without a Baptist Church in the State, and not a Baptist minister except Bro. Bateman, and he devoting only a part of his time.

To think, my brother, of one entire State, and a vastly rich one in mineral and agricultural resources, without a Baptist Church. Will not the bare fact arouse some one to respond? W. H. of Cal.

From the Far West.

My Dear Bro.: Do not leave me with this crushing load on my hands and heart.

In the name of our Saviour I ask the appointment of Bro. ——.

G. W. F., *Miss'y.*

HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

Z. C. M. I.

Rev. Dr. H. J. Eddy calls in at the Rooms and says with a sigh:

"Well! my dear brother! it's a great, *great* work,—this work of Home Missions! I have just returned from extensive journeys through the West. And I don't know what *will* become of those vast and increasing populations all pressing on in their sins, except as the churches and church-members work through this Home Mission Society to save them!" [True enough! We don't know either. J. B. S.] Dr. Eddy continues:

"When we came in sight of Salt Lake City, our attention was called to a large structure that looked like an elongated balloon. It was the Mormon Tabernacle. We hastened to it, entered it, saw where this strange people meet, and found a Mormon editor who explained matters. We noticed over many shops the words and letters at the head of this article. The editor explained what it meant. He said that all the business of the Mormons was done under the co-operation plan, and that the cabalistic letters Z. C. M. I. printed under the *holiness arch*, meant that the house belonged to "Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution." It is a combination against the Gentiles, but has failed of its object, for the Gentile bankers, merchants, and mechanics are among the most prosperous.

"But we were anxious to know about that pet institution, Polygamy.

"We therefore called on Brigham Young to get his opinion. He has *seventeen* wives in Salt Lake City, and nobody knows how many elsewhere.

"I was told by his High Priest that he was absent on a visit to a large number of young women whom he had never seen, but who *have been sealed to him* in marriage. What will not a lascivious hypocrite do under the cover of religion!!!

"Salt Lake is a beautiful city of twenty-five thousand inhabitants, ten thousand of whom are Gentiles, and the country is rapidly filling up with Gentile settlers. We must have a Baptist church at Salt Lake.

"What will you do for California? It is the grandest missionary field in the world. In Southern California, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Buenaventura, and Santa Barbara *must* be occupied at once.

"Then you have Salinas City, Visalia, Grass Valley, and Nevada City. The last has a good house, and a good minister, but he cannot stay unless the Home Mission Society helps him. Why don't the churches pay more money for the establishment of the Kingdom of Christ in these great growing centers?

"The growth of the towns on the coast is really amazing. Santa Barbara had but thirty white inhabitants four years ago. Now it has four thousand five hundred, and will have ten thousand in two years. I found twenty or thirty Baptists there who ought to be organized into a church at once."

Our Chinese Work.

"Baptist Chinese Mission,
"San Francisco, Cal.

"Rev. Jay S. Backus—

"Dear Bro.: Our Rooms are crowded every evening; 124 Chinese pupils and 12 teachers. Two of our pupils, fine young men, presented themselves before the First Baptist Church on Wednesday evening last for baptism and church membership with acceptance. I expect to administer the ordinance next Lord's day assisted by the new pastor of the church, Rev. M. Mulcahy, formerly of Little Rock, Ark.

"The open air Chinese services are attended by thousands every Sunday, when from one to four Chinese preachers and converts preach the gospel to their countrymen, interspersed with singing such hymns as "From Greenland's icy mountains," "Oh, the happy day is coming," etc., etc.

"The singing is in both Chinese and English. The interest is increasing and a spirit of inquiry is deepening.

"The Report of Rev. R. H. Graves of the progress of our young brethren Dong Gong and Wong Sing, is encouraging. We have sent the passage money for the former to return from China to this Mission, and expect him in two months. 'Lee Key' is willing to resign his commission to Dong Gong on his arrival, if both cannot be sustained.

"Prayerfully hoping that God our Saviour will open up a way for enlarged accommodation and more laborers, and that He will dispose and enable the Board to sustain this important work,

"I remain yours in Christ Jesus,

"John Francis, *Miss'y.*"

"Lee Key."

"Dear Bro. Backus: My work is to preach the gospel to my countrymen (the Chinese) in San Francisco, and in the State of California. We have now in the Mission-school one hundred Chinese pupils and twelve teachers.

"The first Baptist Chinese Sabbath-school has in this city one hundred and twenty pupils and twenty-five teachers. The Baptist Chinese Sabbath-school in Oakland has one hundred and twenty-five pupils and forty teachers. My health is now sufficiently restored to preach in the open air, which we intend doing next Sabbath at our old stand on Jackson street in this city. I am glad to learn that Brother Dong Gong, who has been preparing to preach the doctrine of Jesus under Rev. R. H. Graves, in Canton, China, will be here in a few months.

"The Lord Jesus bless the Board in the salvation of my countrymen.

"Your brother in Gospel love,

"Lee Key, *Miss'y.*"

"Dong Gong."

It was some time ago reported from China that "*Dong Gong*"—who was the *first fruit* of our Chinese Mission in California, and afterwards went *home to China to tell his friends what great things the Lord had done for him*—had suffered persecution from his own parents and relatives, even to scourging on his naked back.

The following joint letter from "Dong Gong" and Wong Sing will be read with deep interest:

"To the First Baptist Church, all the brethren and sisters in this church, I wish you happy in Lord, for He is with you and with me. We all one families but we can not stay in one place. Some going to the East and some going to Portland like Bro. Medbury did. I suppose the place we meet we can separate no more, it is the mansion which Christ gone to prepare. Brothers and sisters I wish you all pray that we may get there for the sake of Jesus. God bless you all for ever ever.

"Wong Sing,
"Dong Gong.

"Canton, China."

Greater Demands Every Day.

"I HAVE baptized several lately, and many souls are inquiring the way of salvation.

"I am nearly worn down with incessant toil in the mission work.

"Missouri calls as loudly as ever for aid. The Home Mission Society must supply the two great needs for this section, viz.: preachers and houses of worship. The times were hard here before the money panic, but worse now. It has affected my work badly. I don't know what I am to do. Mission work is pressing and churches want pastors, but I cannot be in but one place at once, and cannot labor without support. Sometimes I fear I shall be forced to leave the field.

"The demand for Home Mission work in the great West is growing greater every day. I greatly sympathize with the Secretaries and Board in this crisis. May God lead us all safely through.

"Yours in love and labor,

"G. W. HUNTLEY, *Missionary.*"

Good News from Colorado.

"DEAR BRO. BACKUS: We had an exceedingly interesting meeting at the Southern Colorado Association on the Hard Scrabble. Nine churches were represented there by delegates and letters, four of which have been organized within twelve months. Eleven Baptist ministers were present, including Bro. Whitelaw recently baptized at Spanish Peak Church from the Methodists.

"Six teams, with their loads of people, stopped to dine in a pine grove on our return from the meeting. The eleven churches were scattered along a distance of about 200 miles.

"JAMES FRENCH, *Miss'y.*

"Denver, Col."

A New Departure for Nebraska.

WE commend the following to all State organizations:

"DEAR BROTHER BACKUS: At a meeting of the Nebraska Baptist State Convention just closed at Plattsmouth, it was a pretty general feeling that the Baptists of this State should be made to feel greater personal responsibility and more self-reliance in carrying forward the work of the Master.

"Accordingly a 'new departure' was taken and an entirely new constitution adopted.

"As further indicative of the views of the Convention in regard to the work to be done, I will copy the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That we regard it of prime importance to the Baptist cause of the State that strong churches should be built up in the commercial and literary centers. That we commend with special emphasis the cause of the first Baptist church in Omaha. That we are gratified with the success attending the efforts of Rev. J. N. Webb to secure money to relieve that church from debt, and enable them to complete their house of worship.

"*Resolved*, That in a new country like our own, great prudence should be exercised in organization of new churches; and our brethren encouraged to go greater distances to unite at the more important centers, rather than in so many feeble interests which, from their situation can have, at best, but a feeble existence.

"Yours very truly,

"J. T. WESTOVER.

"Nebraska City, Neb."

Save the Cities.

"DEAR BROTHER BACKUS: Our towns and villages, centers of trade and influence, are sadly neglected, and if not soon occupied by Baptists will be under the control of others. If we give up the towns we shall soon lose the country.

"The wealth of Southern Illinois will be worth millions. What influences shall control this people, and who own and control this wealth? If Baptists would do it, they must occupy the rapidly-growing towns and centers of business soon, or lose the golden opportunity. And if the American Baptist Home Mission Society does not give efficient aid in this work I fear it will not be done. We cannot afford to lose Southern Illinois.

"Yours in Christ,

"D. P. FRENCH, *Miss'y.*

"Nashville, Ill."

$1.35 per Member.

"DEAR BRO. BACKUS: If I knew that there was the remotest possibility that our German churches of the West could pay the half of what we need for the present year in order to carry on the work, I would do my utmost to accomplish it. But as far as I am acquainted with them this cannot be expected. If they were ten times as numerous and rich, and two-thirds of their contributions were added, it would not be enough to occupy the fields which are open. But their number is limited, and they are poor. Many of them consist of new beginners, whose members are struggling for the necessities of life, and yet without meeting houses. In their poverty they have contributed $1.35 per member for Home Missions during the past year;—a sum which would amount to nearly two millions of dollars if every Baptist in the land would give as much. Besides this they have contributed for foreign missions $781, education $590, for widows and orphans $556, for church buildings $1,500, for their own running expenses $23,007. There are millions of Germans already scattered over this immense field, and they keep on flocking hither by thousands every day. Surely five or six thousand dollars aid from the Home Mission Society for the evangelization of the millions of Germans of the West would be not too much. As Baptists we always have had to labor under great disadvantages compared with others in regard to means. The German Methodists, who number nearly 50,000, and many of whom are very rich, have received annually and still receive $30,000 from the American Treasury for carrying on the work among their countrymen. No wonder that they are able to preoccupy every important post before us, and that they can sweep everything before them with their large brooms ere we are ready and able to come and pick up behind them. Why should there be such a great difference between them and the Baptists? Many opportunities have been lost to us because we could do nothing for want of means, while they who had them, stepped in.

"'NORTH AMERICA FOR CHRIST,' is the motto of the Home Mission Society. As I understand it this includes the German part of it, and it will not be accomplished until the German population has been won for Christ. If this has to be done before this goal is reached why not take them right along as we go instead of leaving them to the last.

"Yours in the Lord

"J. C. HASSELHUHN.

"St. Louis, Mo."

NOTE. If every Baptist in the land should contribute as much during the present year as our German brethren did the past year, our treasury would soon be relieved from debt, and North America more speedily redeemed to Christ.

An Urgent Appeal.

"DEAR BRO. BACKUS: Being kept from my appointment to-day by a low, nervous fever, and other infirmities, I took up my last HOME MISSION HERALD and read it through, to learn what God and my brethren were doing in other fields. My spirit was stirred within me. I seemed to hear a voice from above saying, 'It is not by might nor by strength, but by My Spirit,' saith the Lord of Hosts. This led me to feel like Gideon when battling hard for God and His true worship, and his enemies retreating before him, and he faint for the want of support for himself and his comrades in the conflict, 'faint, yet pursuing.'

"And now, brethren, can't you help us, while we are struggling against fearful odds? I plead not for myself, but for God's poor, and for hopeless sinners in Nebraska, even in Fillmore County.

"Yours for God and truth,

"E. R. S.

"Fairmont, Neb."

Pray for Them!

"DEAR BRO. BACKUS: Our meetings continue to be well attended. I expect to baptize another young man next Sunday. I encourage them to come into my house, and nearly every evening some are there; thus they become acquainted with me, and a good number of them have already been led to the Saviour. There have also come to us some young brethren from different parts of Germany. It seems to me I have never before been so much engaged in the work for souls as at present. Please help me pray for never-dying souls, but particularly for the young, who, being alone in a strange land among strangers, and having no one to look after them

nd protect them from the many temptations at beset them, are in great danger. Pray that ey may readily receive the gospel and be lessed by it.

"C. YUNG, *Missionary.*

"Detroit, Mich."

A Good Result.

"DURING my stay here the church has been strengthened by eighteen additions, fourteen by baptism, four by letter. The average congregation is four times larger than in the first four months. The church is united in all things.

"————, *Miss'y.*"

AFRAID!!

SOME people seem to be afraid to make their wills. They OUGHT to be afraid NOT to do it. That God will require us to give account of our stewardship as it relates to PROPERTY, there can be no doubt. The Bible is plain and positive on this subject.

Form of a Bequest to the Society.

"I give and bequeath to the *American Baptist Home Mission Society*, formed in New York, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-two, the sum of —— dollars for the general purposes of said Society."

For Church Edifice Fund, say:

"I give and devise to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, —— dollars, for the Church Edifice Fund of said Society."

For Freedmen's Fund, say:

"I give and bequeath to the American Baptist Home Mission Society, —— dollars, for the Freedmen's Fund of said Society."

Form of a Bequest of Real Estate.

"I also give, bequeath, and devise to the *American Baptist Home Mission Society*, one certain lot of land, with the building thereon standing [*here describe the premises; be particular*], to be held and possessed by the said Society, their successors and assigns forever [*if for Church Edifice Fund or Freedmen's Fund, say so*], for the purpose specified in the Act of Incorporation."

Three witnesses should state: "We witness to this instrument, consisting of one sheet, [or two] as the last will and testament of ——, by his [or her] request in his [or her] presence, and in presence of each other."

☞ Please remember to use the word "Baptist," and to write "Mission" instead of "Missionary."

Better than Your Will.

IF you have money, the interest of which you may require for yourself or other purposes during your life, but at your death you wish to devote to Home Missions, the Society will gladly receive it, carefully invest it on bond and mortgage, and then give you a Bond securing you prompt semi-annual interest at seven per cent. on the same as long as you live. No investment can be more safe for you; and no provision which you can make in your Will so sure for your Master, CHRIST, whose steward you are.

The following is the form of Bond given by the Society:

WHEREAS, ——, of the Town of ——, in the State of ——, has paid into the Treasury of the AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, to aid said Society in its work.

AND WHEREAS, In the future the said —— may desire an annual sum, equivalent to the interest upon the said donation at seven per cent. per annum, for his own personal use.

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH, That the AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY, in consideration of the said sum of Ten Thousand Dollars to them in hand paid by said ——, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby agree to appropriate said sum as designated by the donor.

AND ALSO, that they will pay to the said —— upon his request in writing, the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars semi-annually, during the term of his natural life.

Should no such demand be made for a series of years, and afterward a time come when the said —— shall require the same for his own personal comfort, the Society agree to pay to him, upon his written request, a sum which shall be equivalent to the semi-annual payment not theretofore called for. As this provision is made for the sole benefit of —— during his natural life, it is hereby declared to be the intention of the parties hereto, that no obligation whatever is hereby assumed, on the part of the Society, to the heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns of the said —— for any part of said semi-annual payments not called for by him, as above provided, during his lifetime.

In Witness Whereof, the said Society has caused the corporate seal to be hereto affixed, and these presents signed by the Chairman and Recording Secretary of the Executive Board, this —— day of ——, one thousand eight hundred and —— in presence of

Witnesses.

——————————— *Chairman.*

——————————— *Recording Secretary.*

THE FREEDMEN SCHOOLS.

300 Baptized by a Colored Student.

"DEAR BRO. SIMMONS: I have heard very favorable reports from our pupils during the vacation. Bro. E. Love writes me that he is teaching a school in Newton, in this State, with 55 students, and preaching on Sundays to large and attentive audiences, and has been instrumental in the conversion of a good many. Alexander Bettis, of Edgefield, S. C., as I am informed, has baptized over 300 hopeful converts. They are all rejoicing over these results of their vacation work.

"J. T. ROBERT, *Missionary Teacher.*

"Augusta, Ga."

Dr. Stone's Institutes.

IN October, Rev. Massena Stone, D.D., delivered forty-two lectures to Freedmen in sixteen days, in Kentucky. He gave one course at Louisville, and another at Lexington. The Freedmen consider his institutes "a triumphant success." He is under appointment to go through the whole South in this way, among the out-lying masses of colored people not reached by our seven schools.

A leading colored brother writes thus:

"We return sincere thanks to the Home Mission Board for their unbounded kindness in sending Dr. Stone to lecture for us. As an expounder of the Scriptures he is unsurpassed. We are delighted with him.

"Q. B. JONES.

"Louisville, Ky."

NOTE.—Dr. Stone also gave lectures at Bowling Green, and is now—Nov. 12th—in the midst of his fourth course (delivered in six weeks)—at Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Stone says: "The school here is full. There is no room for more. All seem to study with zeal and success. There are some very choice young men, and women too, who cannot fail to make their mark upon their race. I came here expecting to find the school in a very discouraging condition, from what I had heard. I think it quite otherwise. Bro. Phillips and his corps of teachers are doing an admirable work."

It must be!

DR. STONE also writes: "There must be a Freedman's school in Kentucky. It cannot be delayed unless we make up our minds to give up the field. There is a dreadful state of ignorance among the colored preachers, and the churches are taught a great deal that is grossly erroneous and ruinous."

Richmond Institute.

"THE Missionary Map of Africa came to us all right, and it will do our students much good.

"Our school is fuller than ever it has been at this season. Prof. Neiley is doing an excellent work.

"Please find within the order for HOME MISSION HERALD.

"Give us ample notice of Dr. Stone's coming, so that we may have a full attendance.

"C. H. COREY, *Missionary Teacher.*

"Richmond, Va."

From Wayland Seminary.

"REV. J. B. SIMMONS: The thanks of Wayland Seminary are returned for the gift of a valuable missionary map of Africa.

"In behalf of the students,

"CHAS. B. WILSON.

"Washington, D. C."

The Nashville Institute.

REVIVAL:—DISCUSSION TURNS TO PRAYER.

"DEAR BRO. SIMMONS: This school is fuller than it ever was in October before, though quite a number of our old scholars are still out teaching. There is a more than usual religious interest. The debating meeting last evening was turned into a prayer meeting. Some half a dozen last Wednesday evening requested prayers, and some time last night a young lady pupil professed hope. She has been here a year. You would take her for a white person. Two men have lately come here from Mobile. They are very highly recommended. Every nook and corner in the school building is occupied. They report to me to-day that the prayer of our full-blooded Creek Indian student, last night, thrilled all—it was so humble—so feeling—so direct. The Lord can, and I trust will, help us. I believe that it is not His purpose to forsake us, though all human help and counsel should fail.

"D. W. PHILLIPS, *Missionary Teacher.*

"Nashville, Tenn."

Not the same City.

ONE of our teachers in the South says:

"It is really astonishing what a change is going on among the Southern people on this subject. It is very far from being the same city that I came to seven or eight years ago."

The Raleigh Singers.

OF these freedom vocalists one of the Vermont papers says:

Rarely, if ever, have we seen staid citizens—men of solidity and brains—so carried away, and moved alternately to tears and laughter. These colored singers are persons of culture, and their bearing is highly circumspect.

Another paper pronounces them superior to the Fisk troupe. Rev. H. M. Tupper A. M., is the originator of this enterprise. He is keeping twenty men at work on his new school-building in Raleigh, N. C., with the proceeds; and his success is not to be wondered at. I heard the troupe sing a few evenings ago, and for power, for melody, for sweet blending of voices and touching pathos of expression, I have never listened to their equal. The question has been asked, "Why did not our Home Mission Board endorse Bro. Tupper's singing project from the first?" I answer, Suppose they had. And suppose, before one dollar had been

earned by the vocalists, an indebtedness of from $1,000 to $1,500 had been incurred in collecting and training the singers—which was the fact. Suppose this debt, instead of being borne by Bro. Tupper himself, with that cheerful courage and marvelous self-poise peculiar to the man, had rested upon the Board. What an outcry there would have been against the Board for using the funds of the Society in so unwarrantable a way! and justly. The Board are wise and prudent on all such points. While they make no questionable adventures with the funds entrusted to them, they are also careful not to repress enthusiasm and unusual spiritual impressions in individual workers. Bro. Tupper *felt it in his bones* that he could make this singing expedition a success. And God is greatly honoring his faith, and the people are enthusiastic over him and his troupe. Take men as they average, there is probably not one in a hundred who would have won the laurels in this expedition which Bro. Tupper is winning.

J. B. S.

Admirable Regulations.

THE best of our Freedmen Training Schools seem to be governed by a system something like the following:

RULES.

In this Institution,

DISCIPLINE is the FIRST LAW.

ORDER is the SECOND LAW.

Every Student is expected

FIRST,—To clean his own room;

SECOND,—To make his own bed;

THIRD,—To prepare his own fuel;

FOURTH,—To kindle his own fire;

FIFTH,—To black his own boots;

SIXTH,—To keep neat and clean in person;

SEVENTH,—To help a little each day in caring for the School premises; besides attending to his studies.

What an Episcopalian said.

A RECTOR of a large Episcopal church, and very evangelical too, said to one of our distinguished Baptist bishops as follows:

"I started a service for freedmen, in the lecture room of my church. In our city there are about forty thousand colored people. The first Sabbath I had *twenty-four*; the second Sabbath *twelve*; the third Sabbath *eight!* and I gave it up. The truth is, the negro will not go our Prayer-book!" Then turning to an Old School Presbyterian minister who was present, he added,—"You Presbyterians cannot do much with the Freedmen either. They belong mainly to the Baptists and the Methodists. And the responsibility of these two denominations is very great and grave!"

Opposes Tobacco.

"J. M. WHITEHEAD, *Ass't Treas'r*:

"Sir:—I enclose twenty-five dollars to help support a colored minister at school, who does not use tobacco. To save this money *I* have not even used tea or coffee; but I do not expect others to follow my example in *this* respect.

"A FRIEND in D., Mass."

NOTE.—This is a sample case. Bro. Whitehead replied that in none of the Society's seven schools is tobacco allowed. If it were allowed, many who now give liberally to these schools would withhold their money.

WE clip the following from an exchange:

Smoking is very much on the decline in England. At the universities not one man in five now smokes, whereas a few years ago at least four in five did. Good news that.

Not Even China.

"I DO not think China needs missionary labor more than this part of this city. Pray for us my brother. Yours truly,

"W. O. D., *Miss'y.*

"Savannah, Ga."

REV. D. F. LEACH, late of New York, is laboring with great success among the colored people in the region around Chase City in this State. In a business note to us he says: "I have assisted them in organizing seven churches, taught them how to transact their church business and to keep records, have taught many of them to read, and supplied them with the Scriptures, and have baptized over two hundred of them." We rejoice to receive from Bro. Leach such pleasant tidings. No work can be more important than that in which he is engaged. We bespeak for him the sympathy and aid of every good citizen in his field of labor.—*Relig. Herald*, Richmond, Va.

NOTE.—Bro. L. is a missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and we thank the editors of the *Religious Herald* for these kind and brotherly words. J. B. S.

Good Words from S. C.

"MY DEAR BRO. SIMMONS: Am much engaged in meetings at this time principally among the poor—labors much blessed. There are many converts. I want books, bibles, hymn books, tracts, papers. I want a thousand agencies and a thousand tongues to sing and proclaim the wonders of redeeming love. I pray for you and for all the agencies under your direction, for the advancement of the cause of our divine Lord and Master.

"Yours in the blessed hope of the Gospel,

"J. O. B. DARGAN, *Miss'y.*

"Darlington, S. C."

Our Hearts are Sad!

OUR hearts are sad because of one or two lines in the following. The reader will readily pick those lines out. Bro. C. is a Southern Baptist pastor who has worked with the American Baptist Home Mission Society, chiefly among the Freedmen, for the last eight years. Read his letter:

"MY DEAR BRO. SIMMONS:—This report closes another year of my work as your missionary. I have been praised during the eight years above what I deserved, and abused beyond need. I have done what I could. Have lived to see the work among these Freed Christians extend far beyond my expectations. I feel that I cannot much longer remain on this side of the river. Eight years ago I organized the first colored church in this great valley. In 1866 I organized the (colored) Valley Baptist Association. In 1865 we had no meeting-house in the Valley—now our church property is worth nearly $30,000, over 60 churches, about 6,000 members, about 6,000 books, about 3,000 Sabbath school pupils. Paid in this year to all objects, except church building, over $6,000. The start made at Jackson and Buchanan has traveled on until it has gone way beyond my reach. Consumption will soon take me from the work, yet the work will move on!

"Affectionately yours in the work,

"J. P. CORBON, *Miss'y.*

"Amsterdam, Va."

No Prayer in Ten Years.

ONE of our Home Missionaries in a large city of the far South says:

"In visiting I find much poverty and distress and destitution. One old lady with three daughters, all grown, had not heard a prayer in ten years."

Fruits in Florida.

"DEAR BRO. SIMMONS: We have held extra meetings for three or four weeks. The interest has been very deep. I have baptized ten.

"In one place where I labored there were old standing difficulties and alienations that had well nigh killed out the spiritual life of the Church,—but during the progress of this work, brethren long estranged were reconciled,—and to day it would be difficult to find a more united band of brethren. I find that the longer I labor in Florida the better it pays in spiritual, and also in pecuniary results. Still, the work is hard and moves slowly, but I can see progress. I am glad that the board, through your influence and that of others, has decided to continue me in this field. I hope they will not regret it.

"Yours affectionately,

"W. E. STANTON, *Miss'y.*

"Palatka, Fla."

Mexico.

Zion's Advocate says the following "is from a Mexican gentleman of high standing, a convert from the Romish Church":

"The death of President Juarez was a great loss to us, a very great loss; but thank God, who has given us Lerdo De Taxada, next to Juarez the noblest, most upright, and most honest man in all Mexico. The Romish bishops, Jesuits and priests hate Lerdo, our President, with perfect hatred, because he is a true Christian at heart, and does not hesitate to worship in a Protestant church. The new President is a terror to evil doers."

Fifteen Preaching-Places.

"WE visit about fifteen places out of Monterey. When here, I generally preach to about fifty adults, besides many who stop at the street windows to listen.

"T. M. WESTRUP, *Miss'y.*

"Monterey, Mexico."

THE CHURCH BIBLE SCHOOL.

STANDING EDITORIAL RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved,—That there is no argument, either in Scripture or reason, for gathering **children** into classes and teaching them God's Word, which does not apply with equal force to **adults**.

Resolved,—That every class ought to be taught the Christian duty of benevolence in the giving of money, and that the gathering of missionary offerings from these classes, from Sabbath to Sabbath, **including gifts for the American Baptist Mission Society!** ought to be the order of the day, all over the land. Text. Prov. iii. 9, 10.

The Home Mission View.

"EVERY Baptist Church and Congregation should have, or rather should *be*, its own School for studying the Scriptures."

To which one of our zealous Home Missionaries responds:

"Amen! And we are working hard to accomplish this, and succeeding somewhat.

"JOHN C. MALLORY, *Miss'y*."

Perseverance in Prayer.

A PASTOR in the city of C—— recently entered his study on Saturday afternoon, when suddenly the sermon which he had been studying during the week became to him stale and dry. He lost all interest in it. Instantly another text lodged into his mind, which he run rapidly out into a sermon, and preached it on Sabbath morning.

At the close of the service, a lady belonging to a Roman Catholic family remained to confer with the session of the church respecting a profession of faith. She stated that she had that morning received light on the way of salvation, and wanted to give herself publicly to Christ; that the sermon met her case fully; that if she had written out her views and feelings, the answer she needed to remove her difficulties could not have been better stated.

Two facts explain this change of subject by the pastor on Saturday, and the end of Prof. Tyndall's theory.

1. A friend of the lady and former schoolmate had been praying for her eleven years; and though until lately she met with nothing but indifference, she had persevered in her supplications in behalf of this schoolmate, and had interested her pastor and other friends in praying for her.

2. One of these friends had on that *Saturday morning* united with others in praying that the pastor might on the next Sabbath say something that would meet the case of this lady, who was expected to be present in the church on that morning.

Subsequent interviews with her gave satisfactory evidence of the working of the divine Spirit and the power of renewing grace, and she has been received to the communion of the church.—*W., in Am. Mes.*

A Godless Community.

A MISSIONARY in the West writes as follows:

DEAR BRO. BACKUS—We are in one of the most Godless communities. The city is full of Gambling dens and brothels and drinking houses, and is under the rule of rum. We have, it is said, over 60 saloons for a population of 5,000.

I think we are like the church at Pergamos, dwelling "where Satan's seat is." We hope it may be said of us, as of her, by the Master: "I know thy works and that thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith." We are endeavoring to stem this tide in the name and strength of Immanuel, and hope for a glorious victory before long. Pray for us to this end. Some things are encouraging. The church does nobly in contributions for home expenses and missionary objects. Our Sunday-school is interesting and well attended. Our prayer meetings are generally spiritual feasts, though not largely attended.

Money is Wanted.

RELIGION has cost something ever since Abel offered up his lamb upon the sacrificial altar outside of the bowers of Eden. Neither he nor David did, nor will any liberal, warm hearted Christian offer to God that which costs him nothing. None of us have anything good which we have not received of the Lord. The silver and the gold are the Lord's, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. Our earnings and savings are for the use of ourselves and families, and the needy in our world.—*Exchange*.

A Praying Heart.

"DEAR BRO. BACKUS: I continue to declare the testimonials of Christ to the best of my capabilities, according to the aid which the Holy Spirit renders me. I proceed in the work with a praying heart, that the Lord may grant His blessing to the missions here and everywhere. The Lord bless you.

"Yours in Christ,

"E. TSCHIRCH, *Missionary*.

"Rochester, N. Y."

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Freedmen's Fund.—A friend 5. Turner Ch. 12.35. A friend 20. Hebron, Friends 3.—$40.35.....Total, $45.35.

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Freedmen's Fund.—Amesbury Ch. 25; S. J. Collins 5; Boston, Friend 15.50. Charlestown, Boardman Miss. Soc. of 1st Ch. 60. Middlefield Ch. 50. Norwood S. Sch. 12.50. Worcester, Pleasant St. S. Sch. 25. Newton, G. H. Quincy 25. Beverly Farms Ch. 30. So. Abington, S. Sch. 25.—$272.40.....Total, $2,345.79.

RHODE ISLAND.—Providence, Friend 10; Friend 10; 4th Ch. 170.61. 1st Ch. 269.50.—$460.11.

Freedmen's Fund.—Providence, Geo. D. Wilcox $30.....Total, $490.11.

CONNECTICUT.—Cromwell Ch. 11. Middletown Ch. 20.50.—$31.50.

Eastern German Conference.—New Britain, German Brethren 10.50. Meriden Ch. 31.36. New Haven, Germans in add. 5.40—$47.26.

Freedmen's Fund.—New Haven, Calvary Ch. S. Sch. 50. Norwich Col. Ch. 5. New Haven, Grand St. S. Sch. 12.50. Mystic Bridge, Anonymous 2.—$69.50.....Total, $223.77.

NEW YORK.—New York City, Pilgrim Ch. 5. Adams Centre, Dea. A. Sheldon 25. Essex & Champlain Asso. 47.50. Lebanon Spa, Emily Sanford 1. Strykersville, Leg. of H. B. Rounds in add. 10. Mariners' Harbor Ch. 14. Brooklyn, Sixth Ave. Ch. 12.50. Waterloo Ch. 20. Naples Ch. 5.20. Harmony Asso. 20. Dewitville Ch. 12.00. Mayville Ch. 7.50. Onondaga Asso. 55.52. Tuscora Indiana, per Rev. T. Greene 1.42. Schuyerus Ch. 11.—$267.89.

Eastern German Conference.—New York City, 2d German Ch. 11. Buffalo, 2d German Ch. 5.—$16.

Freedmen's Fund.—New York City, Mrs. A. D. Gillette 25. Brooklyn, R. T. B. 5; Rev. J. R. Simmons 10; Mrs. C. M. Crossbie 10. Elmira, Mrs. S. Kelly 100. Southport Ch. 80. Jasper, Mrs. Elizabeth Spencer 2.—$231.

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Freedmen's Fund.—New Brunswick, Elias Bunyon $20. Total, $234.47.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Philadelphia, Alice McGlathery $1.

Eastern German Conference.—Philadelphia, 1st German Ch. $100.12.....Total, $101.12.

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